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Woman rescued at Kē'ē Beach

HĀ'ENA – Lifeguards rescued a 56-year-old Princeville woman from waters off Kē'ē Beach, in Hā'ena, Tuesday afternoon.

Shortly before 4 p.m., a man reported to Kē'ē lifeguards that he lost sight of his wife who was in the water snorkeling. Lifeguards spotted the woman about 400 meters from shore, and immediately paddled out to her location. The woman was found face down in the water, wearing a full-face snorkel mask and appeared unresponsive.

Lifeguards brought the woman back to shore, where they began rescue breathing techniques and administered oxygen until she regained consciousness.

AMR medics arrived on scene and provided additional support, then transported the woman to Wilcox Hospital for further treatment.

The public is reminded that the Hā'ena State Park currently remains closed. Additionally, access into the Lumaha'i-Wainiha-Hā'ena area remains restricted to area residents only, permitted TVR guests, government employees, and verified contractors and organizations conducting work in the recovery area.

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